

Sirs:

As a local broadcaster in Dalton, GA, I am opposed to the plans of XM Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio to offer local content to thir subscribers. These two companies vowed to offer national-only programming and now they are going back on their promise. This type of activity not only harms me as a local broadcaster but may be harmful to the general public in that it's clear that we cannot trust these operators to honor their word. Will these companies also provide local public service and public affairs programming? It's doubtful in that there is no profit for them in public service/public affairs. And if these operators should continue to mimic our operations, without investing in the local market with time and personnel, we, as local broadcasters will suffer. We pride ourselves in our commitment to the public interest. Not a day passes that we inform our community of the many events that are available. We salute local volunteers each month. We provide free remote broadcasts for Cancer Society, Heart Association, Arts Guilds and many other worthy organizations. Our local news, weather and traffic information is really local, originating from our studios and our ability to provide this service would be severely impacted should the satellite service providers be allowed to go local. Clear Channel Radio Dalton, GA supports the NAB Petition and we urge you to stick to your commitment to "vibrant" local broadcasting.

Thank you,

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